



The Companion

December 2014

Friends Forever Humane Society Newsletter

2014: CELEBRATING 61 YEARS OF GIVING COMPANION ANIMALS A SECOND CHANCE

Help us end the year on a high note financially... and start 2015 with a great new calendar!

It's the end of the year already, and we hope to finish 2014 on financially sound footing. To that end, please remember our generous matching challenge from Friends Forever Lifetime Members Jim and Sandy Dixon. The Dixons have once again pledged to match donations to the Shelter through the end of the year, up to \$5,000. That means that when we have \$5,000 in donations, they'll give us another \$5,000!

Please help us take advantage of this very generous opportunity, which we can use for whatever we need most — no strings attached. There is no minimum contribution needed to secure a match — anything you give will be matched by the Dixons. In addition to considering a contribution yourself, please pass this challenge along to your friends and family.

14 Months of Pet Perfection

Year-end is also the time to choose calendars for 2015, and we have a beauty for you! The 14-month Friends Forever calendar includes December 2014 and January 2016, and features:

- A Friends Forever shelter pet success story every month
- Over 200 beloved pet photos provided by their families — all pets whose families sent their photos were included! (you'll probably see a neighbor dog or cat, to say nothing of some goats, a couple of horses, a lizard, a hedgehog, a bird, and a bunny driving a toy car)
- Quotes about pets from famous people and fun pet holidays — do you know when it's Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog month, or National Hug Your Cat Day? You will with this calendar!

The minimum donation is \$15 per calendar. Any amount above \$15 is gratefully accepted and since everything associated with the calendar — from printing to photography to design and copywriting — was donated, ALL proceeds go directly to support the shelter.



Get yours today at any of the locations below or online at www.friendsforeverhs.org, and be sure to pick up extras for holiday gifts!

- Friends Forever Humane Society – 966 W. Rudy Road, Freeport
- Carlson Canine Camp – 388 E Lamm Rd, Freeport
- Tender Loving Care – 1633 S Galena Ave, Freeport
- Freeport Animal Hospital – 321 E South St, Freeport
- State Bank – 1718 S Dirck Dr, Freeport
- Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Center – Route 20 east of Freeport
- M45 Marketing Services – 524 W. Stephenson St., Freeport

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

27 Visit the Zoo Day

JANUARY

All month

National Train Your Dog Month

Walk Your Pet Month

Adopt-a-Rescued Bird Month

2 National Pet Travel Safety Day

6 National Bird Day

20 National Penguin Awareness Day

21 Squirrel Appreciation Day

22 National Answer Your Cat's

Question Day

FEBRUARY

All month

National Prevent a Litter Month

Pet Dental Health Month

Responsible Pet Owners Month

7-14 Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week

14 Pet Theft Awareness Day

20 Love Your Pet Day

22 Spay Day

23 International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day

January Board Meeting –

Wednesday, January 7, 5:45 p.m.

Friends Forever Shelter

Annual Meeting –

Sunday, January 18, 2:00 p.m.

Eagles Club

Regular Board Meetings –

4th Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.

Friends Forever Shelter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello!

Autumn flew by as quickly as summer! The leaves were beautiful but didn't last long – there was barely enough time to rake before our first snow. Now we all are preparing for the cold days ahead.

Here at the shelter we to prepare for those days by closing the much-loved pond and contemplating the bills that accompany winter. We worry about our heating bills at the shelter just like you worry about the heating bill for your own home.

We have truly been blessed this year with all of the generous people who have donated everything from much-needed cash to gifts of supplies. We also appreciate everyone who attended and supported our fundraisers.

As we wrap up another year we are also again blessed with a matching donation from the Dixons. We have sent two letters explaining our BFF program where through the end of the year, your monthly donation will be doubled each month by the Dixons. Of course, the match also applies to any other type of donation too, so if you'd like to double any contribution, please be sure to donate by December 31. We want to be sure our donations equal \$5,000 which will then become \$10,000 due to the kind generosity of the Dixons.

I wish you all health and happiness this holiday season, and Happy 2015!

Diane

CHOOSE ME! HERE ARE TWO FABULOUS PETS READY TO BE YOUR FOREVER FRIENDS!

For more information on these and other wonderful adoptable pets, call the Shelter at 815-232-6164 or visit us at www.friendsforeverhs.org



Peanut SMC (single male cat) – Howdy! The folks here at Friends Forever call me Peanut, but I'm really not that little. In fact, I'm a nice big male kitty – I'm just the color of a peanut, I guess. I get along well with dogs, cats, and – of course – people. I like to be out and about where the action is, but more to observe than get in on it since I'm a laid-back kind of guy and pretty relaxed about the world in general. I'm 10 years old, but that's only middle-aged for a cat, so I have a lot of years of relaxin' yet ahead of me! My front paws have been declawed and I'm perfectly housetrained, so how about thinkin' about chillin' with me? Come meet me soon!



Lucky SMD (single male dog) – Hi there! My name is Lucky, and I'm mostly a Beagle. If you know dogs, you know what that means: I love to go for walks and sniff out the entire world. And I love people! My mom and dad got a little too old to take care of me, so they brought me here to find a new forever home. I'm a great size for any house or apartment, and I'm housetrained too. I can't wait for someone to meet me and make good on my name – I'm sure looking forward to being lucky! Come say hi to me soon!

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Shelter: Carol Falconer – Manager

Contact any of these folks through the Shelter

Email: petsrus966@hotmail.com

Phone: 815-232-6164



Donations

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Linda Alberts | Cherie McFarlane |
| Phyllis Alexander | Susan Mexico |
| Gwen Allen | Betty Miller |
| Ronald Armagost | Robert & Mary Miller |
| Dallas & Linda Augustine | Mary Miller |
| Andrea Aukamp | Michael and Jennifer Modica |
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| Adam Bennett | Carol Mordick |
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| Donna Collins | Lou Moyer |
| John Cook | Rick & Janet Mueller |
| Tina Cooper | Joseph Nast |
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| Bernice Kampen | Jacob Walter |
| Pat Kelly | John Watkins |
| Carol Kelly | Paul Watkins |
| Stephanie Klinger | Steve & Sanda Wells |
| Melinda Kluge | William and Sarah Wiley |
| Dennis & Kay Koerner | Pamela S Wilson |
| Erna Krischak | Elizabeth Winkelmann |
| Jane Krug | Robert Winter |
| Scott Lillie | Jon & Pam Wolfe |
| Logan's | Kay Woods |

TREASURER'S LETTER

Thank you for a good year!

It's that time of year again when everyone's thoughts turn to everything that needs to be done to get ready for the holidays. I personally try to have all my holiday preparations done by Thanksgiving so I can enjoy December, and the Humane Society followed the same timing this year.

We have a lot of things in the works that are being pulled together before the end of 2014. The FFHS 2015 calendar is printed and available for purchase. It looks great, and I'm not just saying that because Mira is one of the featured pets, even though she is. The Christmas card/holiday appeal has been sent, and this year the holiday appeal donations will be part of Jim and Sandy Dixon's \$5,000 match challenge so each donation through year-end will be doubled.

We are starting the year-end season with over \$10,000 in spendable cash, which in itself is great. When you add in the final fund raisers – such as the calendars, the Cookie Walk, Photos With Santa, and others – and the fact that we historically do well with end-of-year donations, we have a good chance to finish 2014 really well. To be able to say that we have not operated at a loss, we need to have \$30,000 on December 31, as this is the amount we had at the end of 2013. Having this amount or possibly more would be a great way to start the New Year.

I would like to end by saying THANK YOU! We could not help these animals without your continuing support. The donations of money, and all the food and supplies that are dropped off at the Shelter throughout the year, are what keep us going.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Terri Matthews, Treasurer
Friends Forever Humane Society

Please note that in order to help with newsletter costs, we have elected to discontinue publishing actual financials in the newsletter. However, these are always available to you by calling the shelter or emailing us at info@friendsforeverhs.org.





The best doctor in the world is the veterinarian.
He can't ask his patients what's the matter. *He's got to just know.* – Will Rogers

We're pleased to include an article from a Freeport-area vet in the Friends Forever newsletter!
Authors will change from issue to issue and will focus on a seasonal or other timely pet concern. Thank you, veterinarians!

Ho Ho Ho! It's the holidays – time for treats for EVERYONE!

For many folks, their idea of a “special treat” for their pet is to give them people food. After all, if chocolate-covered pretzels or frosted cookies are *your* favorite, sharing some at the holidays would be fine for your pet too, right?

Wrong.

Not that your pet probably wouldn't relish every bite, but people food is best enjoyed by people. Instead, treat your pet to pet-specific treats. Why? Here are four good reasons.

1 Once a moocher, always a moocher.

Our pets are smart – once they get you to part with a few choice morsels from your plate, they'll never stop begging. That behavior can range from giving you the sad eyes that are nearly impossible to refuse to whining or jumping up or worse. While that might not trouble you much, your dinner guests or other family members might not feel the same.

2 Table scraps don't generally provide sound nutrition for your pet.

The more you fill your pets with your food, the less likely they are to eat their own, which hopefully is a good, quality food with all of the vitamins and minerals they need. People food is also one of the leading causes of pet digestive disorders from gas to bad breath and much more “unpleasant” problems. If you have questions about the nutritional value of the food you're using, just ask your vet. We've included two great pet treat recipes at the end of this article if you want to show them a little extra love!

3 People foods are the fast lane to weight problems for pets.

Most leftovers are just empty calories. Why do we often save the fat we trim off



our own meat to give to our four-legged friends? We know it's not good for us, so how could it be good for them? If you must share something from your plate, offer a bite of lean meat or a veggie or two. In addition to altering their trim good looks, overweight pets have a higher risk of many health problems. As a rule, treats should never account for more than 10% of your pet's food intake.

4 Once they've tried people food, they might try almost anything to get it.

One way your pets can convince to give them more of your food is to turn into finicky eaters. You'll end up thinking that they're going to go hungry if you don't give them hamburger every night. If you don't “hand over the goods,” you could also create a food thief who knocks over the trash, jumps on the counters, or

scours your kitchen wastebasket for what they think is rightfully theirs! Treats don't usually encourage bad behavior – in fact, many people use treats to reward positive behavior.

Treats developed especially for pets not only provide more animal-friendly nutrition but can also be used for specific purposes, like teeth-cleaning or filling the urge/need to chew. A far better choice when you want to do something special for your four-legged family members at the holidays, they can be just as satisfying to your pet, especially when handed out with all the flourish of a filet mignon in your tone of voice and belly rubs afterward. It's all in the presentation!

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Turkey and Cranberry Dog Bones

Allrecipes.com

Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Cook Time: 55 Minutes
Servings: 45 biscuits

3 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup shredded cooked turkey
1 cup dried cranberries
1 egg
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 cup low-sodium chicken broth, or as needed

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease baking sheets, or line them with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, whisk the whole wheat flour and baking powder together until thoroughly combined, and stir in the cooked turkey meat and dried cranberries. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture, and drop the egg into the center; pour in the olive oil and about 1/2 cup of chicken broth. Mix into a soft dough. If mixture is too dry, mix in more chicken broth, about 1 tablespoon at a time, until dough is of desired consistency.
3. Turn the dough out onto a floured work surface, and knead for 1 to 2 minutes. Roll the dough out 1/4 inch thick, and cut out with your favorite cookie cutters.
4. Bake until the treats turn brown, about 25 minutes. Turn the oven off, and leave the dog treats in the oven an additional 30 minutes to dry out. Refrigerate leftover dog treats.



Mouseburger Cat Bites (does not contain mouse ☺)

SimplyPets.com

3 oz sausage or finely ground beef
2 T oatmeal
1 egg
Catnip, finely chopped

Directions

Knead the ingredients together very thoroughly and form into a flat oval. Broil under a medium heat for 5-7 minutes, turning frequently, until the outside is crisp. Wait until cool, then slice into bite-sized chunks for your cat.



Will you be a Friends Forever BFF?



Best Friends Forever

you wish and whatever level you choose, your contribution will help provide quality food, housing, and medical care for animals who through no fault of their own have found themselves waiting here for their forever homes!

Just go to www.friendsforeverhs.org and click on the BFF logo to sign up today, and we'll send you a BFF window cling that you can proudly display to show everyone how much you care. Thank you for remembering our furry friends by being their BEST friend!

Our Best Friends Forever (BFFs) commit to a monthly contribution to Friends Forever, automatically charged to a credit card or handled by check. If you choose to donate by credit card you don't ever need to do another thing!

Suggested monthly levels are \$10, \$17, \$33, and \$48, but you can designate any amount

These generous folks said YES!

*Kathleen Napholz
Kay D Day
Karen Christen
Carole Dickerson
Terri Matthews
Marilyn Smit
Terry & Debbie Schlosser
Mary & Brian Brandt
Lindsay Williams
Gregg & Kathy Knodle
Sarah & Dan Todd
Dave & Angela Snyders
Pat Kelly
Frances Heitter
Diane & Wayne Conroy*

The Paths That Bring Our Animals To Us

As many of us head “over the river and through the woods” to Grandmother’s house or to visit other relatives this holiday season, I thought I’d answer a question I often hear: where do the animals at Friends Forever come from?

There are a number of ways animals land at Friends Forever to await their forever homes. The first is as a stray, either brought by a city’s animal control organization or someone who finds the animal and brings it to us. Some of these strays are reclaimed by their owners, and some are not. After being held for a certain period of time (which can vary, based on the circumstances through which the animal

came to us in the first place), the animal becomes available for adoption through our facility.

Sometimes pets’ owners will bring them to us and surrender them to our care. There are many reasons that people may find themselves unable to care for their pets, and we are glad that they bring them to us rather than choosing some other less desirable option.

A variation on this occurs when someone adopts a pet from FFHS and then returns the pet. This also can happen for many reasons, from life-changing experiences that weren’t anticipated – such as moving, a death, a health problem, or other similar situations – to a mismatch between the pet and the family. Obviously, we try very hard to ensure that mismatches don’t happen, but we’re not infallible.

Some animals are transferred in from

animal control facilities and veterinary clinics because their “time is up” due to lack of space or the amount of holding time the facility is able to keep them. Some have manageable behavior issues that we at FFHS can address through



training. FFHS is often the last chance for these animals.

The last way animals come to us is through the Circle of Hope, which is a network of shelters working together. Area shelters send us animals that have been overlooked for a length of time at their facility, because sometimes all that’s needed is a new location to bring in a new group of potential adopters.

However they come to us, we work hard to find these worthy pets a forever home. As you celebrate with your friends and family this holiday season, I hope you’ll take a moment to consider a donation to help us provide excellent care for them, take an ongoing step to become a Friends Forever BFF, or contemplate a New Year’s resolution to bring a furry friend into your life in 2015. Happy Holidays!

Carol Falconer
Friends Forever Shelter Manager

Wish List



We appreciate all donations!

Here is our wish list, including both daily-use items and those we have included as special, larger donations that will add to the safety and security of our staff, visitors, and animals. If you have questions, please contact the shelter, and thank you!

Daily Use

We ALWAYS need these Items!

- Purina Dog & Puppy Chow
- Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Double pocket folders
- High-efficiency (HE) laundry soap
- Garbage bags (55, 39, and 13 gallon)
- Copy paper
- Gift cards for Staples, Menards, Farm & Fleet, and Walmart
- Clay cat litter
- Chew bones
- Treats
- Bleach
- Dish soap
- Glass cleaner

Shelter/Park Improvement and Maintenance Items

- 6x6 treated posts 8’ long
- Picnic tables
- Benches for the dog park
- Large dog kennels
- Grooming table
- Gator or similar UTV with dump box for park maintenance

Special Request

We would like a tablet (iPad or similar) to be able to bring to adoption events, use as a second computer at the office, and generally allow us to be more portable in our computing. If you receive a new one at the holidays, we’d be happy to receive your older one!

THANK YOU!

Thank you...

To the generous people who've helped Friends Forever through memorials and donations. The following lists cover the timeframe from June 6, 2014 – Nov. 19, 2014.

In Honor of...

Stan and Jeanie Krok Anniversary

Jim & Betty Wood

Murphy, Mable Force's Dog

Jon & Pam Wolfe

Kristine Zajicek's Birthday

Richard & Karla Hendee
Suzanne M. Cornelius Johnson

Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Chuck and Sally Miller

Jane Krug

Jan Sanders
Deborah Nordgren
Diana Garrett
Judy Garkey
Diana Garrett

Jan Sanders

Mary Lee
Judith Shankland
Jane Krug
Joyce Robinson
Deborah Nordgren
Susan Perry
Marianne Drogosz
Patrick Sanders
Beth Slade
Diana Garrett

Cindy

Brenda Boynton

In Memory of

Marian Miley

Florice Miley

Julie Ransom

Fran Ransom

Myriah Wiley

Kathleen Adams-Joyce
Barbara and Dean Gerbrick
Terale & Linda Clark
George and Linda Doty
Paul GiambelUCA

Pauline Miller, A special friend to animals and a very special person

Sandra Davis
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Alex & Samantha Loeb
Rita Shirley
Randy & Connie Shirley
Michael & Lindsey Shirley & Family
Dustin & Haley Shirley
Kay Heid
Jack and Connie Croffoot
Steve Miller
Elizabeth Farrington
Deanna Walkey & Family

Maida Gimple

Maida Gimple Memorial Fund

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Vietnow Freeport Chapter
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Dory DeFrane

Marcella Fasanella

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Peg Riley
Jonette and Gary Wood

Harlan Koberstein

Jean Koberstein

Sally Kramer

Laura Weigert

Cindy Barrett

Kathy Barrett
Julie Crone
Rich & Connie Heinrich
Mary Perkins; Advance Technical Sales

Jim Nelson

The Howells

John Portner

Lilas Portner

Beverly Lynn Davis

Norma Jean Davis

Bruce Swalve

Marilyn Janssen

Kay Bach

Lauren and Ted's friends in the West Loop
The West Loop friends of Ted and Lauren Bach
For Ted Bach from GBFL
Dennis & Linda Walters
Gregory & Mary Williams
Michele 'Mickey' Davis
Michael Bach
Kelley Haubach
Jim & Nicole Eken
Charles & Della Moen
Patricia Steele
Margery L Koch Trust
Laurie Geeseman

Maya, K-9

Marilyn Smit

Peggy Heidorn

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Jane & Wayne Hammer
Craig & Janice Rowlands
Marilyn & Robert Rowlands
Michael & Victoria Rowlands
Scott & Marjorie Rowlands
Kathy & Chris Sheriff

Dan Steele and Alfreda Bach and gratitude for my dog Domino

Patricia Steele

Clancy Kroh (Persian Cat)

Arnold and Betty Wood

Zena (14 yr old cat adopted from FFHS)

Frank & Laurie Musso

Willie, the cat

Marilyn Smit

Pearl, my Tabby Cat adopted 1998

Elizabeth Sullivan

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All memberships renew one year from the date of inception. Have you renewed yours yet?

Yes! I wish to become a member of Friends Forever Humane Society.

New Membership Renewed Membership

Lifetime \$1,500 (one-time fee)

Patron \$250 or more

Couple \$60

Individual \$40

Senior (62 and over) \$25

Person with Disabilities \$25

Membership dues enclosed \$ _____

Donation enclosed \$ _____

DONATIONS

I wish to make a donation!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

I wish to make a gift

In memory of _____ Gift amount \$ _____

_____ Gift amount \$ _____

*You can also become a member or renew your membership
online at www.friendsforeverhs.org, as well as making
donations, memorials, and honorariums.*

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Friends Forever Humane Society**
and mail to us at 966 Rudy Road, Freeport, IL 61032

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____